

in is in Kansas City

master of the Pacific Express
gone to Taylorville
with of the Moweaqua Call
the city to-day.

McKinney of Cerro Gordo
Dedicator friends

Clark of Canaan were
in Decatur today.

bits has returned from a
trip of several weeks.

is Sweet is visiting with
lives at Springfield

of Jerseyville, Ill., is
Dedicator friends

left today for a stay of
at Spokane, Wash. Mr.

business trip

Hamsher returned last
Upper Alton where she at-

tainly Verkes nuptials

DeLong is the guest of
members of North Church

Reas of White Heath has
her home after a visit with

Mr. and Mrs. George Peake
Eldorado street, April 29, a

rown brother Mrs. Everitt
turned to his home in Colo-

er a visit with his sister

call for a meeting of the
at night at Chronister's

is not held

J. M. Gray returned today
ville, where he had been on

on legal business

met Smith and daughter of
among the shoppers in the

Gastman, who has been
fighter at Seattle will leave

by and is expected home by
May.

Mrs. Henry Downing will
ary and make their future

the 1800 block on North Wa-

tz, who has been traveling
rough the east, is home for

on with his parents, Mr. and
Mrs.

Ewers, state superintendent
League, will speak at St.

church Sunday evening

allroad Notes.

la train was late this morn-

of an accident on the P.
A freight car got off the

here and Mt. Zion and de-

traveling passenger agent
Central road was in the

business

man, special agent for the
al road, was in the city to

weight Agent Fitzgerald of
was in the city today on

train from St. Louis which
noon for Chicago was an

road foreman of the Ill.
passed through the city this

are After Her.

116 letters awaiting Miss
a charming widow of the

"widow" company, who is to
her lively friends at the op-

light and Miss Raymond in-
lited tickets to the following:

No. 4 Miss Vera Griffin,
Mrs. Peter Brueck, Charles

H. Kessler, Ira N. T. Rob-
son, Albert Gille, A. S. Du

Alcoe Mead and Miss
They will have a chance

"Widow" tonight

Free Pills.

address to H. E. Bucklen &
and get a free sample

ing's New Life Pills. A trial
ing of their merits. Those

on action and are particu-
lar in the cure of Constipa-

Headache, Piles, Malaria,
rheumatics have been

able. They are guaran-
teed free from every dan-

ger and to be purely
they do not weaken by

but by giving tone to stom-
ach greatly invigorate the

ular size 20c per box. Sold
and C. F. Shilling, Drug

A Runaway.

into an exciting runaway
street this morning. A

ing to a horseman named
as at Mason, took fright at

Wood and South Main
horse ran east on Wood

to avoid any collisions

MRS. IRWIN BEAD

A Well-Known Decatur
Lady Passed Away.

LIVED HERE MANY YEARS

And Was Held in High Esteem by
Many Persons—She Died at
10:15 O'clock This
Morning.

Mrs. Alta Irwin, the widow of the late
John Irwin, died this forenoon at 10:15
o'clock at her home, No. 306 West De-
catur street. Her death was caused by a
complication of diseases and was not ex-
pected, as she has been ill for some
time. For a year or more past Mrs. Ir-
win's health has been failing and for the
past few months she has been confined to
her room. Since about three weeks ago
Mrs. Irwin's condition had been danger-
ous and it had been realized that she could
not recover.

The deceased was born at Sheldon, N.
Y. October 29, 1839. She was married
November 1, 1857, at Farmington, Ill., to
John Irwin, who died June 18, 1894.
Mrs. Irwin came to Decatur in 1860, and
since that time with the exception of five
years when she was in the west, she has
made her home in this city.

She is survived by two daughters, Miss
Lillian and Miss Aldith Irwin, both of
this city. She also leaves two brothers,
Volney Barber of Decatur, and Henry
Barber of Owatonna, Minn., one sister,
Mrs. Emily B. Kennedy of Marshall, Minn.

Mrs. Irwin, having lived in Decatur so
many years, had many friends. She was
an exemplary woman and one who was
held in the highest esteem by those who
knew her. She was one of the old mem-
bers of the Congregational church and
has been identified for years with that or-
ganization. The death of Mrs. Irwin will
bring grief to many persons. She was
such a woman as will be greatly missed
by both her family and her many friends.

The time of the funeral has not yet
been decided upon and will be announced
later.

MRS. FRED QUECK.

Mrs. Fred Queck died of kidney trouble
on Thursday at the home of her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buisine three miles
southeast of the city, aged 88 years. She
leaves a husband and one little boy.

The time of the funeral will be an-
nounced later.

SYLVIA BROWNLEE.

The funeral of Sylvia C. the six months
old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William
Brownlee, who died Wednesday, was held
this morning from the residence in River
side place. The remains were taken to
Mt. Auburn for burial.

Low Rates of Interest.

Chicago Times Herald, April 28. The
Chicago Title and Trust company has
owned \$300,000 from the Northwestern
Mutual Life Insurance company of Mil-
waukee giving as security its big sky-
scraper in Washington street. The in-
terest rate is 4 per cent, payable semi an-
nually in any current funds of the United
States. The mortgage runs for ten years,
but it is optional with the borrower to
pay the whole or any part of the loan in
two years or on any interest day there-
after. The loan is made for the purpose
of refunding a mortgage for \$216,000
given to the New York Life Insurance
company, which bore 4 1/4 per cent inter-
est payable in gold. The latter loan had
several years to run.

The above item goes to show that the
western institutions which heretofore re-
ceived large rates of interest are now sat-
isfied with the reduction indicated.

Art and Literature.

Two very interesting papers were given
at the meeting of the Art and Literature
division of the Woman's club yesterday
afternoon. Mrs. J. M. Ciokey gave a
splendid review of "The Sowers," by
Merriman, and Mrs. Lillian Stotsenber-
ger gave a paper on the "American
Arts." There will be no meeting of this
division next week because of the annual
election of club officers which takes place
on Thursday afternoon, May 5.

—Dr. Will Barnes made a professional
call at Hartstown yesterday afternoon.

Royal makes the food pure,
wholesome and delicious.



and Go to War.
Mrs. of Goodman's band have
they will accept the offer to
the band for the 6th regi-
ment written to learn if the
band is still open.

Returned Home.
Mrs. and the members of his
who went to Springfield
last night.



The Daily Republican.



TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS, SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1898.

NUMBER TWENTY-SIX.

ALL EYES ON MANILA

Admiral Dewey and the American Fleet in Close Quar- ters==Naval Battle Expected Today.

The New York Fires at Spanish Fortifications--Spain's Order to Cubans, "Enlist or Die"--City of Paris Safe in New York--Sunday at Camp Tanner.

May Blockade Manila.

Hong Kong, April 30.--If reports here are correct,
the entrance to Manila Bay is commanded by fifty to
sixty heavy guns, well placed, making it impossible
for American warships to enter without the co-operation
of a strong land force. Therefore it is believed
that Commodore Dewey will only blockade the harbor
till the insurgents move on Manila.

Late News from Manila.

Hong Kong, April 30.--A steamer just arrived
from Manila did not sight the American fleet, which
is supposed to be in shore trying to communicate
with the insurgents. It is said to be impossible for
the American fleet to enter Manila without battle-
ships or a strong land force.

Not a Spy.

KEY WEST, FLA., April 30.—There
is absolutely no foundation for the sensa-
tional reports cabled from here to the
effect that a case of treason has been dis-
covered on board the United States mon-
itor Porifan. The rumors arose from the
strange actions of a fireman, with a Span-
ish sounding name, now under restraint
on the warship because of his eccentricities.
The officers of the Porifan declare
there is no thought of trying the man by
court martial and that all the talk about
treason is absurd.

It appears that a few days ago the man
in question was seen in one of the moni-
tor's turrets, and the man who saw him
reported that he had his hand on the lock
of the magazine, whereupon the first man
was placed under restraint.

The crew of the monitor became ex-
cited and declared there was a Spanish
spy on board. Through this the extraor-
dinary stories were concocted.

The officers of the Porifan believe the
man, who is a fireman, is a Cuban, and
they assert positively that he has never
given evidence of any sort of sympathy
with Spain, but they add, on the con-
trary when the Porifan was off Matanzas
the man was forced to say he would like to get ashore to join the in-
surgents.

The action of the officers of the monitor
in placing the man under restraint was
solely because of the danger of allowing
an unevenly balanced man to be at large.

Americans Must Leave.

LONDON, April 30.—A special dis-
patch from Madrid, received here last
evening, says the Spanish government is
upon the point of expelling all citizens of
the United States from Spain.

Denial.

KEY WEST, April 30.—The report
cabled that Cardenas had been shelled by
the Porifan and Machias lacks confirma-
tion. The story is denied by Captain
Herrington of the Porifan.

Montgomery Safe.

MADRID April 30.—Latest Havana
dispatches say that the Montgomery went
ashore on the rocks off Colonados, Pinar
del Rio. Three other warships succeeded
in floating her, but she is badly damaged.
(The Montgomery arrived at Key West
Friday from Hampton Roads, conveying
the troops of the 10th Cavalry. She has not been
in Cuban waters.)

Those Torpedo Boats.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—A cable-
gram was received this morning stating
that the Spanish torpedo boats Azor,
Rayo and Arlete had sailed this morning
from St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands,
for the Canaries. The Azor and Rayo
were towed by the transports San Fran-
cisco and Ciudad Cadiz. This is taken as
an indication that the collision of these
boats reported yesterday was not serious.

To Manila.

NAGASAKI, JAPAN, April 30.—A
German warship has started for Manila.

Chased by Spaniards.

TOULON FRANCE, April 30.—It is
reported that the American yacht Na-
mouna, on its way to Marseilles, has been
chased into St. Tropez by Spanish war-
ships.

Bracing News for Spain.

LONDON April 30.—A Madrid special
says an official dispatch from Havana
states that the Spanish gunboat Ligera
again engaged with an American torpedo
boat off Cardenas. The dispatch adds:
"The American boat fired 70 shots. All
went wide except one which carried away
the backstay of the gunboat. The fire of
the Ligera was so well sustained that
the American was forced to retire."

War Bills.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—An agree-
ment has been reached by which the con-
ference report on the naval bill will be
voted upon by the house at 4 o'clock this
afternoon. The addition of 1500 men to
the marine corps is the principal point at
issue.

The war revenue bill passed the house
by a vote of 181 to 181. The Republican
amendments were adopted.

May Invade Florida.

HAVANA, via Kingston, Jamaica,
April 30.—General Pando, it is reported,
has finished a complete plan to reconquer
Florida. This plan will be presented to
other generals for remarks before it is
submitted for General Blanco's approval.
The plan provides that one body of the
army shall be organized for invading
Florida.

Bismarck's Opinion.

LONDON, April 30.—Prince Bismarck
according to a dispatch from Berlin, says
Germany ought not to bind her hands by
a neutrality declaration.

"ENLIST OR DIE"

Cubans Forced to Fight Against
Freedom or be Executed--Inhu-
man Outrages Threatened.

Meat \$1.00 a Pound and Chickens \$2.50 Apiece--
Spanish Soldiers are Ready to
Surrender.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, April 30.—(Copyrighted by the Associated Press.)

Don Pando, commandant general, proclaimed four days ago that every man be-
tween 15 and 50 years of age must enroll with the volunteers for service, under
penalty of death. Five thousand persons have left for the country since the procla-
mation, four fifths of whom are women and children. Spanish soldiers threaten to
kill every Cuban man and outrage every Cuban woman in the city when the block-
ade begins.

The government has seized all food in private hands.

Many shops still do business with small stocks. Prices are doubling day by
day. Monday meat was 40 cents a pound, Tuesday 70 cents, today \$1.10 in gold.
Other prices are rice 24 cents a pound, beans 21 cents, flour 19 cents, lard 32 cents,
chickens \$2.50 apiece.

The Spanish soldiers, especially the sick, are abominably fed. Fourteen hun-
dred sick in the military hospital get nothing except bean soup three times a day,
with one ounce of meat. The conditions are so bad that the Spaniards would al-
most rejoice to surrender after one good fight. Preparations for defense go forward,
however.

HOORAY FOR THE PARIS!

She Arrived Safely in New York Har-
bor To-Day--Not Attacked.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The American
line steamer City of Paris arrived from
Southampton this morning, having made
the trip in slow time, seven days and
eighteen hours. Rough seas with fog
and rain, prevailed most of the way and

caused the delay. She crossed on a line
about 80 miles north of the usual course,
as a matter of precaution against possible
chase by Spanish warships, but saw none.
She will probably be taken possession of
by the government tomorrow and will be
renamed the Yale.

FORTUNES FOR SAILORS

Terror Crew Getting Rich Rapidly
Making Captures.

New York, April 30.—The monitor Terror has earned a small fortune for each
member of its crew in capturing prizes since the war began. Out of the first
prize it took—the Spanish schooner Ambrosio Belvar, with \$60,000 in silver on
board—the 151 men on the Terror will get about \$450 each, while their shares from
the latest—the Guido, valued at \$400,000, and the most valuable yet taken—will
amount to \$2000 each.

New York In It Again.

Atlanta, Ga., April 30.—The Journal's cor-
respondent with Sampson's fleet cables that Fort Caba-
nas, a suburb of Havana, was bombarded last night
by the flagship New York, and that the Spanish guns
were completely silenced.

Key West, April 30.—It is said the firing by the
New York last night was on Cabanas, a small port
about ten miles west of Mariel.

Lolle the Latest.

Key West, April 30.—A Key West special says:
The Dolphin has captured another prize, the Spanish
schooner, Lolle, off Havana.

Coming Home.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Minister
Woodford will be one of the major gen-
erals, and will sail from England today to
receive his commission. General Wood-
ford had a good deal of active experience
in the war of the rebellion, being chief of
staff of Col. Quincy A. Gilmore, then mil-
itary governor of Charleston, and after-
ward at Savannah, and was mustered out
a brigadier general. He is 63 years old,
but in vigorous health.

Moved Out.

ST VINCENT, CAPE VERDE IS-
LANDS, April 30.—The transports and
torpedo boats sailed this morning.

Gone on a Trip.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The United
States steamers St. Louis and Harvard
sailed this morning. Destination un-
known.

Calls for Help.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, April 30.—
The British consul at Santiago de Cuba
has cabled for a British warship to pro-
tect British interests.

At Anchor.

ROCKLAND, ME., April 30.—The
cruiser Minneapolis anchored here early
this morning.

Parson is Proud.

PARSONS, KAN., April 30.—Frank
Roschbach, the gunner on the monitor
Porifan, who made the last great shot
that silenced the Spanish battery at Ma-
tanzas, is a Parson lad. He is an enlist-
ed man, and has never seen the inside of
a naval academy. He has won many
medals for gallant service in time of
peace, and his last stroke of marksmanship
adds a luster to his already splendid re-
cord.

May Suppress News.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—No news
came yesterday from Admiral Dewey's
squadron, now on its way to the Philip-
pines to do battle with the Spanish fleet.
One officer pointed out that if Admiral
Dewey succeeded in defeating the Spanish
fleet the Spanish officials who control the
cable connecting the island with the rest
of the world in all probability may sup-
press the news or distort the facts into a
Spanish victory.

War Prices in England.

LONDON, April 30.—Owing to the
war between Spain and the United States
Derbyshire lead advanced 100 points and

sugar rose \$1 25 a ton at Glasgow, mak-
ing a rise of \$3 75 per ton during the
present week.

Mines Five Miles Out.

MINNEAPOLIS MINN April 30.—A
Duluth special says: Captain King, an
experienced diver, says that he spent
three months last summer laying mines
in Havana harbor for the Spanish. He
says the harbor and vicinity five miles out
are sprinkled with them.

Troops to Tampa.

CHATTANOOGA TENN April 30.—
The 6th cavalry and the 24th infantry
have left for Tampa. As nearly as can be
learned no more troops will be sent from
here for several days.

Rather Exciting News.

BAR HARBOR, ME., April 30.—A
United States warship passed here this
morning, followed 15 minutes later by a
large black steamer.

Loyal Uruguay.

MONTEVIDEO URUGUAY April
30.—The government has forbidden the
public raising money for Spain.

Outline of War Plans.

NEW YORK, April 30.—A special
from Washington says:

It is stated on the highest authority
that as the newly formed preparations for
actual hostilities stand they contemplate
these operations:

1. The opening of ingress to Cuba for
the relief ship which is to bear supplies to
the reconcentrados in Cuba, and the co-
operation of the United States naval
forces with those of the insurgents. This
invasion, which is to be considered pure-
ly as a raid of expedition may land at Ma-
tanzas. The Sampson squadron is to be
used to make way for and to protect the
relief expedition.

2. The preventing of the Spanish fleet
now at Manila in the Philippines from
joining forces with the Spanish fleet at
Cape Verde Islands and in Cuban waters.
The instructions to Commander Dewey
are not to attack Manila unless the fortifi-
cations assist the American fleet. A rigid
blockade, similar to that established at
Havana is to be enforced against Manila.
An engagement if any occurs, will be
precipitated by the Spanish fleet under
command of Admiral Montojo.

3. The flying squadron is to be held at
Fort Monroe as a reserve fleet but it is to
be drawn upon if necessary to protect
unfortified cities. The squadron may re-
turn to the United States.

Continued on Fifth Page.

BRADLEY BROTHERS

UNLOADING A SURPLUS STOCK OF DOMESTICS THIS WEEK.

Muslins.

5,000 yds. of a Full Standard Brown Muslin at yd.... 3c
2,000 yds. of Fine 36-inch Bleached, soft finished muslin at yd.....4c
1,000 yds. of Full Standard 36-inch Best Bleached muslin at yd.....5c

Sheeting.

One Case of Fine Unbleached Sheeting, 2 1/4 yards wide, at yard.....10c
One Case of Fine Unbleached Sheeting, 2 1/4 yards wide, at yard.....14c

Shirtings.

One Case of Indigo Blue Check Shirtings, 32 in. wide, at yard.....6 1-4c
Regular 10c quality.

Pillow Cases.

100 dozen Bleached Pillow Cases at each..... 5c
100 dozen Hemstitched Pillow Cases, at each..... 9c
50 dozen Sheets, 2 1/4 yards wide, at each.....33c
50 dozen Sheets, 2 1/2 yards wide, at each.....48c

Crash.

One Bale of Stevens' Brown Crash, all linen, at yd 3 3-4c
One Case of Twill Cotton Crash, at yd..... 2c
One Case of Bleached Cotton Crash, at yd.....2 1-2c
One Case, 2,000 yds. of washed All-Linen Crash, at... 8c
This is never sold less than 12 1/2c a yard
1,000 yds. 18-inch Bleached Linen Crash, at yd.....5c

Napkins.

50 doz. only of a fine all Linen \$2 Napkin for this sale only, dozen...\$1.50
Cheap Napkins at, dozen.....95c, \$1.00, \$1.25

Ticking.

One case of Fancy Feather Ticking, regular 15c quality, at yard.....9c
One case of good Feather Ticking, at yard.....9c

Towels.

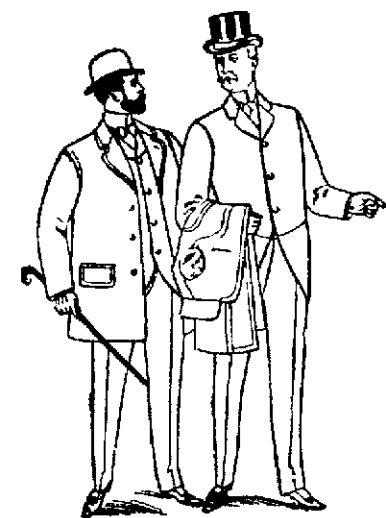
200 doz. All Linen Huck Towels, worth 15, 18 and 20c, all put in at dozen.....\$1.50

Table Linen

One Case of Cream Table Linen, colored border, regular 35c quality, at yard.....19c
One Case of 64-inch Cream Linen Damask, regular 60c quality, at yard.....38c
One Case of 56 and 58-inch Turkey Red Table Damask, Choice Patterns, in Factory Remnants, at yd...23c

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SPRING WEAT



The Bright Sunshine shows edges of all the old and shabby

Nature is putting

Gentlemen, get into line

Our Fair Pr waves over

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BUY A
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The Best that can be had. Take no chances on a cheap, poorly constructed stove that may burn your house down. Every stove fully warranted. Hundreds of them in use in Decatur and Macon county. A full line on our floor.

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Ladies We Want

To tell you something stylish, exquisite, up-to date Sailors, Tams, etc., as we a Department. Prices below few choice selections that that can't be duplicated on S.

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MAIEN
222 NORTH M

J. B. Bullard
FUNE
DIRE

Shapes that Satisfy.

You are not annoyed, when you come here for shoes, by having thrust before you antiquated and passee styles. We keep our stock strictly up-to-date. As the seasons wane we rid the store of all styles that seem to have seen their day, and by the time another season buds and blossoms we are fully ready with THAT season's styles, and they are THE SHAPES THAT SATISFY our customers.

Here young
Man--
You Who
Want the
Hottest
Shoe that
Comes
Down the
Pike--
Here's the
Shoe.



Our
New
Model
Last,
Only
\$5.00

\$3.00—no more, no less—save you 50 cents. Black or Tan.



See our \$2.00 Shoes for men or women—all styles.



Misses' Shoes in Large Variety. Prices, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00

Reliable Foot Fitters.

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Shoes Shined Free.

Didn't Get Your Shoes Here? Never Mind About That



\$5.00 reduced to \$4.00. Finest made.



Our \$3.00 World Beater—in Black or Tan.



Little Men's Shoes—"Just like dad's"—90c, \$1.00, \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$1.75.



Grover's Soft Shoes, for tender feet, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00.



Grover's Soft Slippers, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.



Ladies' Oxfords in all styles, Tan or Black, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, up to \$3.00.

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Shirtings.

of Indigo Blue Check Shirtings, 32 in.
at yard.....6 1-4c
Regular 10c quality.

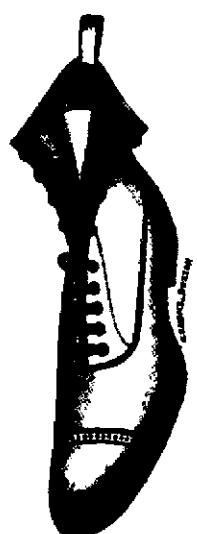
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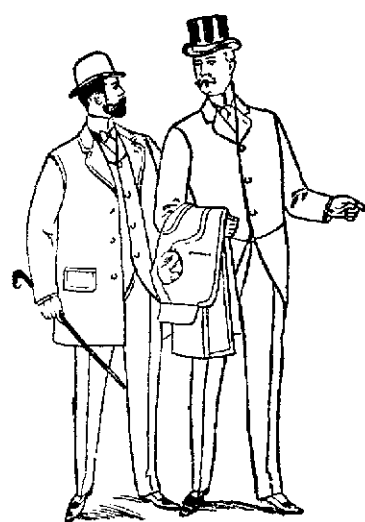


Misses' Shoes in Large Vari-
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\$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00.

Cobbler.

all styles,
\$1, \$1.25,
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SPRING WEATHER



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FOR
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The Bright Sunshine shows up the wrinkles and frayed
edges of all the old and shabby suits along the street.

Nature is putting on a new dress.

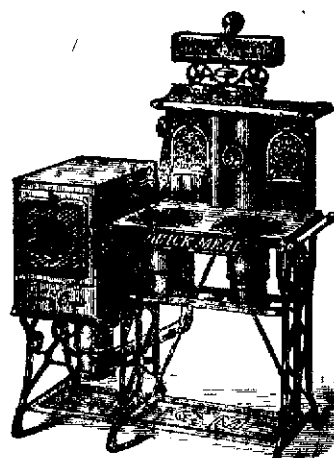
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few choice selections that you can't find elsewhere and
that can't be duplicated on Saturday Morning, April 30th.

S. G. Hatch & Bro. J. W. Race, Assignee.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.

Do not miss the \$1 excursion to In-
dianapolis and return Sunday, May 8, via
I. D. & W., 8:30 a. m.

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure head
aches, 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.
Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on
any goods. Collateral, best rates.
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To enable all to see the boys in camp
the Wabash will sell to Springfield and
return, Sunday, May 1, at \$1. Do not
miss this chance. Leave Decatur at 9:30
a. m.

Garden and Flower Seed, Nasturtium,
Sweet Peas, choice mixed in bulk or
packages. Kentucky Blue Grass all new
and fresh seed. Open evenings. Hughes
& Co., Opera House Block.—mar31-dtd

Fred Norman is putting six new ma-
chines in his laundry. The cost of the
machinery is \$1500.

On Sunday, May 1, the Wabash will
sell to Springfield and return, \$1 to see
the boys in camp. Special train leaves
at 9:30 a. m.

Roast beef and brown gravy at An-
drews' restaurant.—18-2w

At 223 North Main street the largest
stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also
the greatest assortment of Flower
Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet
Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Durfee
& Culp. feb 9-dtd

First of the season. \$1 to Indianapolis
and return, Sunday, May 8. Special
train leaving Decatur at 6:30 a. m., via I.
D. & W.

Open during the day and evening—
Spencer and Lehman Carriage Repository,
at the corner of Main and Wood streets.
They have some open and canopy top
traps that are beautiful and a full line of
fine and medium grade surreys, buggies,
road wagons, etc. These are honest
goods at honest prices.—22-3&wt

The Latest in Spring Suitings—T. F.
Muleady. apr5-d6w

On Sunday, May 8 the I. D. & W. will
sell to Indianapolis and return for \$1 spe-
cial train leaving Decatur at 6:30 a. m.

\$1 round trip, via Wabash to Spring-
field, Sunday, May 1, at 9:30 a. m. Go
and see the Guards in camp.

DECATUR BOCK BEER is the
best. a23d-1w

By agreement it is arranged that the
second trial of J. W. Appleton for murder
will begin at Sullivan on May 23. I. R.
Mills is one of the attorneys for the de-
fense.

"Now good digestion waits on appe-
tite, and health on both." If it doesn't,
try Burdock Blood Bitters. Sold by all
druggists.

Temperance talk in the churches on
Sunday.

Call at the C. B. Prescott music house
and secure one of those favorite pianos—
the Reed & Son's. Full line of musical
merchandise and latest sheet music.

Henry L. Prather, formerly of Decatur
and quite prominent in social circles,
was married at Cleveland, O., April 20,
his bride being Miss Marie Bradwell Cal-
laher. The couple will be at home after
May 3, at The Stillman, Cleveland. Mr.
Prather was once connected with the
Decatur Furniture factory company.

"I had a running, itching sore on my
leg. Suffered tortures. Doan's Oint-
ment took away the burning and itch-
ing instantly, and quickly effected perma-
nent cure." C. W. Lenhart, Bowling
Green, O. Sold by all druggists.

At Tuscola Friday Patrick Sloan,
charged with embezzlement of a large
sum of money pleaded guilty to the count,
a matter of \$175, and will receive an in-
definite sentence to the penitentiary.
I. B. Mills was one of the attorneys for
Sloan.

**GUARDS
ARE GONE**

Our supply of good things to eat are
also going fast. Don't delay in ordering
your share of fresh game, oysters and
poultry, vegetables and fruits.
Cauliflower, Cress,
Wax Beans, Cat,
Peas, Bars,
Egg Plant, Croppie,
Asparagus, Pickeree,
Onions, Perch,
Head Lettuce, Trout,
Pie Plant, White,
Tomatoes, Shad Roe,
Strawberries, Lobster,
Soup Bunch, Parsley,
Red Snapper.

Pearl Oyster and Fish Co.
Tel. Old or New, 344.

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS

Are to be Made by the Decatur Gas
and Electric Company This Year.

When the Decatur Gas and Electric
company consolidates with the Calver
Electric company the managers will at
once begin extensive improvements. Yester-
day eight miles of gas mains were or-
dered and these will be put in the parts of
the city where gas is not at the present
supplied. In the consolidation the Cal-
ver company takes one-half of the stock
and the other company the other half.
The matter will be entirely settled and
about the 10th of May the new company
expects to take hold of the plant. There
are but five stockholders in the company.
They are J. H. Culver and F. B. Culver of
this city, Col. J. S. Culver of Springfield
George C. Danforth, who will make his
home in Decatur, and H. W. McCoy, vice
president of the Commercial National
Bank of Peoria. The officers elected a
few days ago were simply for the purpose
of organizing the company and as soon as
the consolidation is completed the regular
officers will be chosen. J. H. Culver will
be president, Col. Culver will be secre-
tary and Mr. Danforth will be the general
manager and will have full charge of the
business. None of the old stock holders
of the gas company will have anything to
do with the new company.

A stockholder of the company in speak-
ing of the improvements that are in hand
said that about \$100,000 would be expend-
ed. The Culver plant is in good order,
but the gas factory is in bad shape and
will be entirely rebuilt and more modern
machinery will be put in.

A SPOILED PACKAGE.

Caused Trouble in a Man's House-
hold.

"Those were happy days when I was
convalescing and could feel the content of
returning strength and life.

None knows the feeling except those
who have been very ill and recover.
I began again, months after complete
recovery, to use coffee for breakfast and it
seemed to agree with me for a while until
I gradually became conscious that the old
stomach and bowel troubles were coming
on again with the queer nervous feel-
ings.

I had been cured first by leaving off
Coffee and using Postum Food Coffee and
would have always used Postum but for
the fact that I got a spoiled package one
day and turned against it.

I didn't then know that the grocer
would have given me a good one in its
place without charge.

When I found Coffee was "doing me"
again I went back to Postum and found
it was better made than ever and a most
charming, delicious beverage.
In less than a week I was well and
thoroughly satisfied to remain so and
stick to Postum." —An Experience.

Temperance Meeting.

The temperance committee of the Ep-
worth League of Wesley chapel held an
interesting meeting at the chapel last
evening. Miss Maude Davis was in
charge of the devotional exercises and the
principal address was made by Wayne
Williams who gave a most excellent talk
on the mission and work of the temper-
ance committee. The program which
followed was as follows:

Song, Mixed Quartet—Misses Irene

Churchman and Daisy Hoffer, Messrs.

Alva Johnson and Roy Smith.

Address, "Cuba"—Alva Johnson.

Vocal Solo—R. C. Augustine.

Recitation—Roy Smith.

Recitation—Irene Deane.

Reading—Gertrude Mallory.

Prof. P. J. Pitzlin Successful.

Prof. P. J. Pitzlin is having great suc-
cess with his class at Clinton and has or-
ganized another class at Bloomington.
The professor will return to Decatur in
the fall and endeavor to organize a per-
manent gymnasium here.

Another Election at Argenta.

The citizens of Argenta are holding an-
other school election today. The election
of two weeks ago resulted in a tie and
the question is being definitely settled to-
day.

Grand Lodge Meeting.

and reunion of the B. P. O. Elks. Low
rate excursion to New Orleans, La., via
Illinois Central railroad on May 6, 7 and
8 good returning fifteen days from date
of sale. \$20.15 for round trip. Tickets
on sale at City Office or Union Depot.

The Usual Services.

The repairs and cleaning have been fin-
ished at the Congregational church and
the services will be held at the church as
usual on Sunday.

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex.,
has found a more valuable discovery
than has yet been made in the Klondike.
For years he suffered untold agony
from consumption, accompanied by hem-
orrhages; and was absolutely cured by
Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption,
Coughs and Colds. He declares
that gold is of little value in comparison
with this marvelous cure; would have
it even if it cost a hundred dollars a
bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat
and lung affections are positively cured
by Dr. King's New Discovery for Con-
sumption. Trial bottles 10c, at J. E.
King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.
Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed
to cure or price refunded.

Americans use 1,000,000 dollar buttons
annually.

SUMMER STUDIES

Art and Literature Division
Select List of Authors.

WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS IN BRIEF

Meeting at the Lutz Home Friday Af-
ternoon—The Club Calendar

for the Coming
Week.

The members of the Art and Literature
division of the Woman's club met at the
home of Mrs. S. T. Lutz on Friday after-
noon for the purpose of making the final
arrangements for their work for the en-
suing year. It was decided that the divi-
sion would review the best of the works
of the best modern writers. A list of
books will be made as they appear and the
best of the list selected for review. A list
of authors including Parkman, Stevenson
and Ruskin was recommended for study
during the summer and the club vacation.
For history the division will study Park-
man on each third Thursday of the
month. On each fourth Thursday of the
month the division will study art, taking
for text books Ruskin's Modern Painters,
"Stories of Venice" and "Browning's Art
Poems." These will be studied through-
out the year. The division has also sub-
scribed for two of the leading magazines
for the use of the class. A committee was
appointed to arrange a list of the late and
best works of fiction during the summer
and have the list made up for the fall
study. The division will make a special
feature of the social work of the division
and promote this work as much as possi-
ble. Hitherto this feature has been one of
the last to be considered and the small so-
cial gatherings of the division this year have
been so enjoyable that they will be en-
gaged upon and promoted. Many new mem-
bers have joined the class this year who
are yet comparatively new to the work
and the older members of the division are
very anxious that all should be in thor-
ough accord with the work and aims of
the club.

The officers for the coming year will be
elected on the 10th day of May, which
closes the work of the division for the
year. There will be no meeting on next
Thursday as the annual election of the
officers of the general club, which occurs
on that day.

CLUB CALENDAR.

Societies—Monday, May 3, subject,
"Elsie Venner," Mrs. Laura Boettger,
Mrs. Olive Needham.

Cantaqua—Tuesday, May 3, subject,
"Short History of Medieval Europe,"
chapter XX, "Roman and Medieval
Art," chapter IX-X, part II, chapter I.
Paslemae—Tuesday, May 3, subject,
"Richelieu," act II, "History of the
Time of the Play."

Shakespeare—Wednesday, May 4; sub-
ject, "Richard III." Papers on the dif-
ferent characters of the play.

The French club will meet with Mrs.
G. D. Thomas of West Main street on
next Tuesday afternoon.

The Saturday Afternoon Euchre club
met with Miss Irene Cook this afternoon.

Concert Well Attended.

At the First Baptist church last night
a good audience greeted the Six-U-Mah
quartet of Shortlift college, who gave a
concert under the auspices of the third
division of the Ladies' Aid society of the
church. The program was carried out as
announced and was greatly enjoyed, the
work of the leader, E. P. Cline being es-
pecially appreciated. The ladies of the
society made several dollars from the pro-
ceeds of the concert.

The members of the quartet were enter-
tained by the different members of the
church. Mr. and Mrs. B. O. McRey-
nolds entertained W. D. Armstrong, Mr.
and Mrs. H. A. Wood, R. E. P. Cline,
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Saxton, Barnett S. D.
Wyllie and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Owen W.
E. Ingham and C. E. Henry.

Here Over Sunday.

Owing to a change of date at a late
hour of their concert at Lincoln the Six-
U-Mah Quartet will remain in Decatur over
Sunday, the guests of members of the
Baptist church. As announced by Prof.
Cline at the concert the quartet will sing
at the Sunday services at the Baptist
church, both morning and evening.

Sunday School Room Decorated.

W. L. Shellenbarger, superintendent of
the Grace M. E. Sunday school, has had
the Sunday school room handsomely de-
corated with flags and bunting. The Sun-
day school will give a patriotic program
on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Arrived Yesterday.

Our fresh stock of garden seeds, every-
thing in that line can be had at Leon &
Merrill's store, 188 East Wood street.—16-
dtd

Anniversary.

At the First Presbyterian church ser-
vices will be held to celebrate the 250th
anniversary of the founding of the Pres-
byterian church.

New Suits.

Some of the conductors on the electric
street car line are appearing in new blue
uniforms with brass buttons.

AT THE FLETCHER HOME.

Many Friends Join in the Celebration
of a Birthday Anniversary.

A large gathering of friends of the
tabernacle went out to the home of Mrs.
J. W. Fletcher, southwest of the city, Fri-
day at her invitation to celebrate her 65th
birthday anniversary. A bounteous din-
ner of good things consisting of chicken
pie, plum pudding, etc., was served.
Each one gave a free will offering which
will go into the treasury of the Third
Ward Aid society.

There were 23 present and all had a de-
lightful time. Those present were Mr.
and Mrs. Pringle, Charles Pringle, W. S.
Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Hampton, Mrs.
Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. Brintlinger, Mrs.
Allsup, Mr. and Mrs. Fank, Mrs. Lieb,
Mrs. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Nelson
Smith, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Mount, Mrs.
Richardson, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. White,
Mrs. Humphrey, Murray Humphrey,
Mrs. Menie Mrs. Klen, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs.
Fletcher, Miss Rosa Ward, Mrs. Brub-
aker, F. W. Fletcher, Mrs. C. Cunningham,
I. W. Fletcher, Mrs. L. Colan, Mrs. Hub-
bard, Mrs. Strump, Mrs. Stringer, Mrs.
Warrick, Mrs. White, Mrs. Bell, Mrs.
Bivans, Mrs. McLean, Sallie Shockey,
Mrs. McCles, Mrs. E. S. Gray, Lillian
Richardson, Ada Dickerson, Homer White,
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wandel, Mr. and
Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Bair, Edith Cunnig-
ham, Poe Berry, Mrs. Monday.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Benjamin N. Adams was Eighty Years
Old Friday—Gave a Dinner.

Yesterday at the home of Cornelia and
Mrs. J. E. Bendure a family reunion was
held to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mrs.
Bendure's father, Benjamin N. Adams.
An anniversary dinner was given by Mrs.
Bendure and the day was passed pleas-
antly by those in attendance. The guests
included the following: Rev. and Mrs.
W. L. Bankson, Miss Nellie Bankson,
Will Bankson and Thomas Bankson and
family of Blue Mound, Mr. and Mrs.
John Adams and Roy Bendure of Decatur.

Benjamin N. Adams was born near
Covington, Ky., April 2, 1818. His
father was a pioneer and was engaged in
farming. Mr. Adams when he was six
years old went with his parents in a wag-
on overland to Ohio, where they took up
their residence, settling near Georgetown,
Brown county. The father died in 1833
and in 1863 Mr. Adams, with his mother,
moved to Ripley county, Indiana, where
they again settled. It was while at this
place that Mr. Adams was married to
Miss Comfort Nichols, in 1849. Eight
years later he moved to Iowa, but return-
ed to Indiana and later on came to Illi-
nois, settling on a farm near Mt. Zion.
For 17 years Mr. Adams lived on the
farm and then came to Decatur. His
wife died in 1893 and since that time he
has made his home with his daughter,
Mrs. Bendure. Mr. Adams is a wonder-
fully well preserved man for his age. He
has a keen memory and is able to tell
many exciting incidents of the early days.

An Open Meeting.

There was a largely attended meeting
last night at the session of the Alpha
Beta society at the High school. It was
voted to give an open meeting next Fri-
day night at the Edward street church,
when there will be a dramatic perform-
ance. These officers were elected:

President—Buck Weems
Vice President—Harold Reuhl
Secretary—Roy Senner
Treasurer—Maurice Williams.
Marshal—Orville Billington.

The young men have a new war time
yell down pat. It is as follows:

"Chew o' turbaekie, chew o' turbaekie,
Spt! Spt! Spt!
Spaniards Spaniards,
Nt! Nt! Nt!"

Got Off the Bridge.

Two unknown ladies, anxious to reach
Decatur, made a serious mistake last
night. They got off the Wabash train at
the south end of the St. Louis bridge, as
the train made its stop for the bridge.
They alighted on the embankment, only
to find that they were not in Decatur.
The train had moved on. The trainmen
missed the ladies on reaching the depot
and a switch engine was hurried out to
the bridge to bring in the ladies. They
were found standing on the track wonder-
ing what they should do. Neither one
had the courage to attempt to walk over
the high bridge. They will profit by
their experience.

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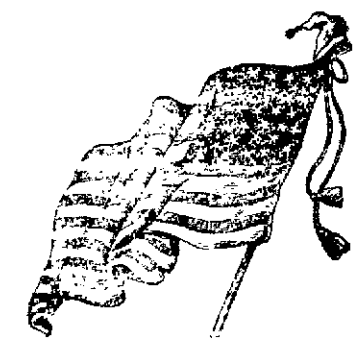
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FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1898.



Spain seems to have some cannon but does not seem able to fire them effectively. But your Uncle Samuel knows how to make every shot count.

The gunners of the Spanish forts having had experience would make good witnesses in a naval court of inquiry as to whether a Yankee pig knows how to point a gun.

Because our ships retired after knocking the Spanish defenses to pieces at Matanzas the Spaniards act as if they expected the ships to walk out and occupy the town.

Should Spain make a scapegoat of Blanco, which is altogether likely, he might conclude to come to the United States, make his confessions and become a decent citizen in a decent country.

The Spanish fleet has at last left the Cape Verde Islands and is said to have sailed south. The chances are that it may venture to attack the Oregon, which is somewhere on the South American coast on its way to Cuba.

It is safe to bank on the fact that Dewey will fight for coal barges. He is half around the globe from home without a coaling station. This fact may teach our congress that it is useless to build up a navy without securing coaling stations in every sea.

Cuba to be Invaded.

The war department seems to be getting a move on itself and has quit the foolish talk about invading Cuba next fall. The reports indicate that the island is to be invaded at once and an active campaign inaugurated. This is good sense. It is logical. It is the only kind of policy that will bring honor to the country in this war. A dilly dallying policy would be disgraceful and indefensible. The yellow fever talk in support of delay is very foolish. We can invade the island and in conjunction with the Cuban patriots force the Spaniards to terms in a very few weeks and before yellow fever would be contracted, providing the men were properly cared for. If Phil Sheridan were alive he could take 20,000 men into Cuba and in conjunction with Gomez and Garcia would bag every Spaniard in Cuba in two weeks, but he would not undertake to do it without a few battles. He did not consider it possible to conduct a war without casualties, but when he suffered casualties he aimed to make the enemy suffer more loss than he suffered. His methods never filled the hospitals with sick. The only hospitals he needed were for his wounded and the wounded of the enemy for he usually had them to care for also. General Miles, General Merritt, General Fitzhugh Lee, can, either one, conduct the same kind of campaign and free Cuba of Spaniards with less loss of men than would be lost by keeping 100,000 men in camp idle for the next three or six months. The country will be glad to know that an invasion of Cuba will take place at once and no one will be better pleased than those who are expected to do the fighting.

Spain's Manila Fleet.

The latest reports are to the effect that the Spanish fleet at Manila, Philippine Islands, has set a trap for the fleet of Admiral Dewey and some fear is expressed that the deception may result in a surprise and great damage to the fleet. There seems to be no good reason for fear in this respect. A fleet, like an army advancing into a hostile country, considers its first duty to be to guard against surprise. In the case of any army, cavalry usually leads the advance, throwing out flankers in all directions to traverse the territory on both sides of the line of advance, and develop the enemy should he be posted with the view of a surprise. It is next to impossible to surprise an advancing army. An enemy may flank it and get in on its rear, out off its retreat and trouble it in some such way, but surprising an advancing army under prudent officers is not even a remote probability. An army in camp may be surprised in any one of many ways which may be presented by peculiar conditions, or carelessness. When Sampson's fleet moved to Havana every precaution was taken against a surprise. The swift light scout-

ing boats were far in the advance and on the flanks ready to give the alarm when the enemy should be sighted, in case he happened to be in the vicinity. It is not fair to suppose that Admiral Dewey will advance on Manila in a careless way but will, like an officer who knows his responsibility, take every precaution against surprise and cannot therefore be surprised. He will be ready to deliver battle at any time at any place on the line of his advance, and if the Spanish admiral is foolish enough to think he has surprised the American fleet he will be disappointed. It is more likely, if the Spanish fleet has gone into hiding in a bay, as reported, that its object is not for the purpose of surprise, but for a purpose entirely different. The chances are that in that case, the intention is to hide and permit Dewey's fleet to pass it, after which it will sail away and abandon Manila, as Havana was abandoned.

The indications are that Spain intends to save her navy and will not venture a battle unless absolutely compelled to fight. With her navy she cannot save Havana nor Manila. To Spain the war means the loss of the Philippine Islands and Cuba, naval battle or no naval battle, and, situated as Spain is financially, there is no reason why she would not conclude that it is best not to lose her navy, while she is losing her territory. It would therefore not be at all surprising if the Spanish fleet at Manila is preparing to run away instead of attempting to surprise the American fleet commanded by Dewey.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

GRACE M. E. CHURCH. Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. C. F. Vol. leader, Morning: "Anti-Saloon League." Address by Howard H. Russell, L.L.D., of Delaware, Ohio. Subscription for state work, evening. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "Battle Cry." Sunday School, 2 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST. Sunday services May 1, 1898. At 10 a. m. Subject of lesson sermon, "Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem." Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. Friday evening testimonial service at 7:45. Few women. Building, second floor front, corner North Main and North streets.

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE. Church street, between Eldorado and North. Rev. Geo. F. Hall, pastor. Prof. M. S. Calvin, Musical Director. Sunday school at 10:45 a. m. At 11:00 a. m. the pastor, fresh from his southern lecture trip, will preach on "The World's May Day" and at 7:45 he will discuss "Sights and Scenes in the Sunny South." Special music by the big choir of 125 voices.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. W. H. Penhalligon, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. A. H. Mills, supt. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 9:30 p. m.

In the morning, services commemorative of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Westminster Standards. In the evening, an address by Dr. Howard Russell, of Ohio, president American Anti-Saloon League.

Strangers and others not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Corner North Water and East North streets. Rev. S. H. Boyer, pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Morning service at 10:45 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Junior Endeavor at 4:30. Intermediate Endeavor at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. Sermon by Mr. Woodard, of the National Anti-Saloon League. The Shortell College quartette will sing both morning and evening.

RANT PARK CHAPEL. Sabbath school at East Park Mission, 2:15. J. Edward Saxton, superintendent. Annual election of officers. Services at Chapel each Tuesday evening.

CHURCH OF GOD. Corner of North Water and Cerro Gordo streets. J. Bernard, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Obedience." Evening subject, "Thinking About Ourselves." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

CENTENARY U. B. CHURCH. The Centenary U. B. church, corner of N. Broadway and North Main streets. J. B. Spain, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. W. F. Montgomery, supt. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. by the pastor and at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. John C. Jackson, D. D., assistant superintendent of the American Anti-Saloon League.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH. Frost Craft Pastor—Class meeting at 4:45 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Frank Kelley, supt. Public worship at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Dr. Jackson, of the Anti-Saloon League, will speak at the morning service. In the evening the Old Fellows will attend in a body. Junior Endeavor at 3:30 p. m. Intermediate Endeavor at 5:45 p. m.

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Rev. W. Board-Jones, minister in charge. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Holy communion and sermon at 10:30 a. m. No evening service.

ST. PETER'S A. M. E. CHURCH. 10:30 a. m., "Religious Development" by R. J. M. Long, pastor. 7:30 p. m. Rev. M. H. Ewers will speak. 2:30 p. m., Sunday school. 4 p. m., Christian Endeavor.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. Corner of Church and Eldorado streets. Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. by Miss Yeomans. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "Our Boys Under the Flag."

GOOD WAY MISSION. Rev. L. C. Hays will preach at 3:15 p. m. EDWARD STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST. Corner West William and Edward streets. Rev. Marion Stevenson, pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. E. March, supt. Morning: Rev. W. L. Woodard will preach. Evening: "Christian Compromise."

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Corner of West Eldorado and Monroe streets. Rev. A. W. Hawkins, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. by the pastor. "The Higher Patriotism." At night this congregation will attend service at the Presbyterian church. Endeavor service at 6:30 p. m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH. Corner of North Main and William streets. Rev. Frank C. Oberly, pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Dr. N. D. Myers, supt. Morning service at 10:30. Evening service at 7:30.

Enjoy Yourselves.

This is the time of year when, with wholesome outdoor games and exercises, people should drive away the heaviness and dullness that comes after a winter indoors, and become healthy, active and vigorous men and women.

Whether you are interested in the national game or the newer game of golf, the time-honored game of tennis, or the glorious sport of cycling, they are all necessary and beneficial to our American way of living.

All the necessities to a proper enjoyment of these sports and others will always be found here.

New base ball goods. Latest lawn tennis goods.

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Do not be deceived, do not believe anybody. Investigate for yourself.
Decatur Gun Co.,
Angelo F. Wilson.

DISEASE DEATH IN CUBA

35,000 Spanish Soldiers Succumbed During the Year 1897.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The mortality among Spanish soldiers in Cuba is almost beyond credence. Within the past few days official information on this subject has reached the president and Lieutenant General Schofield. It has come through the medical service of the government, and is known to be reliable. During 1897 the Spanish soldiers who died of disease in Cuba numbered 35,534. During the year more than 30,000 Spanish soldiers were sent back to Spain, invalided. It is stated that at least 5000 of them were in a hopeless condition, and either died en route or soon after they landed in Spain.

This information, furnished to the president through the United States marine hospital service, has had much to do with fixing the determination that the volunteers shall not be sent Cuba if the island can be freed without their help, and certainly not until after the sickly season.

TOTAL MORTALITY.

The following figures of the total mortality of the Spanish army in Cuba are approximately correct for the year 1897:

Deaths from yellow fever	6,084
Deaths from enteric fever	8,600
Enteritis and dysentery	12,000
Malarial fevers	7,000
All other diseases	5,000
Deaths from all diseases	33,534

VOLUNTEERS' SALARY.

Army Pay for the Men in the Service of Uncle Sam.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—It will be interesting for the bold soldier boys who are now gathering to defend the honor of their country to know what pay they may expect. The regular rates will apply to the volunteer service, both to officers and to men, as stated in the army register, although there is an increase enjoyed by the regulars who have been in the army more than five years. The following is the monthly stipend of officers and soldiers of the United States army:

Major-general	\$525.00
Brigadier-general	458.33
Colonel	391.67
Lieutenant-colonel	325.00
Major	258.33
Captain, mounted	186.67
Captain, not mounted	150.00
Regimental adjutant	150.00
Regimental quartermaster	150.00
First lieutenant, mounted	133.33
First lieutenant, not mounted	125.00
Second lieutenant, mounted	116.67
Second lieutenant, not mounted	112.50
Chaplain	125.00

IT DOES NOT STAND GOOD.

Senatorial Reapportionment Law Declared Unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

Springfield, Ill., April 30.—The senatorial reapportionment law has been declared invalid by the state supreme court. Its ruling to this effect was handed down late last night by Chief Justice Phillips. Justice Phillips came here yesterday, and it was then stated on high authority that he had the decision with him and that it would be made public. The delay until well on toward midnight in announcing it is stated to have been caused by the making of slight changes in the manuscript.

The decision is a voluminous one. It consists of nearly 6000 words, and is necessarily confined to the constitutional phrases of the questions involved.

The law which is declared invalid is the one passed at the recent special session of the legislature, called for that purpose, among others. The case was argued April 16 and taken under advisement, an early decision being promised on account of the importance of the issue.

The proceeding was a petition for mandamus to compel the county clerk to receive and file the nomination papers of William Mooney, who was nominated by the Democrats of Will county for the office of state senator.

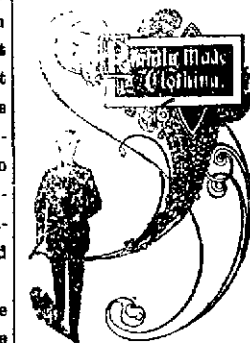
Under the apportionment made in 1893 Will county constituted the 25th district. The clerk refused to file the papers for the reason that under the apportionment made in 1898 the 25th district consists of Will and DuPage counties. A petition for mandamus was filed and it is granted by the decision.

Bank Looted.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The comptroller of the currency has received a dispatch from Bank Examiner Ewer stating that he has taken charge of Hampshire county National bank at Northampton.

DRESSY CLOTHING.

WE can show you spring suits at prices that will surprise you. They are stylish, made in best manner, of materials that a few years ago were never seen in ready-made clothing. We could say much more about them, but would rather have you come in and let the suits talk for themselves.



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BOYS

take as much pride in stylish, neatly fitting, well made clothes as men. We can please the boys and their mothers too, because our suits are elegant in fit and make and sell at little prices.

Child's Juniors, age 3 to 7

\$1.50

handsomely made, large Sailor Collars, braided.

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\$2.50

Fancy checks, velours, cassimeres and worsteds.

Child's Knee Pant Suits, 8 to 15,

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All Wool, many with double seats and knees, in fancy checks velours, etc.

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after the first shot from the New York. Whether any Spaniards were killed or wounded is not ascertained. The Spanish bullets were not observed to come anywhere in the vicinity of the flagship, which at once returned to its station off Morro Castle. The Spaniards would never have been fired upon if they had not provoked the attack.

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ready equipped, and prepared to fight for Spain. They are "protestados," insurgents who have come in from the field. The city of Havana remains absolutely quiet, save for the bands playing at Central Park. Every street is gayly bedecked with banners. During the day the American fleet off the coast draws an immense crowd, who look at it with spy glasses and opera glasses. They comment on the blockade as apart. Havana beach has these last few days been converted into a promenade. A man with a large telescope on a tripod offers a sight of the fleet for 5 cents.

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has been put to stringent tests and it is certain that all who come may ride.

The army of Illinois is weaker by 600 men than it was on the day of its arrival in Camp Tanner. It is weaker in the sense that its numerical strength has been reduced from 8631 to 7913 men, according to the consolidated reports filed in the office of Adjutant General Reese this morning by the regimental commanders. The reduction in numbers has simply increased the efficiency of the troops which Illinois has been called upon to furnish for conquering Spain. It has sent to their homes 600 men who, in their excess of patriotism, forgot their physical disabilities or whom company commanders in their anxiety to bring full companies to camp, enlisted in defiance of the order prohibiting enlistments after April 15.

Mustering Officer in Camp
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with a handsome velvet Brussels carpet. The furniture is nicely arranged and the room well provided for the comfort of the visitors.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE

G. W. Smalley Reports President McKinley as Favorably Inclined.

LONDON, April 30.—Mr. George W. Smalley, cabling to the Times from Washington, gives his impressions of a conversation with President McKinley on the subject of the relations between England and the United States, and says: "The idea that some day there may be co-operation on a large scale between England and the United States is not strange to him (President McKinley). It is too soon to say anything definite on that subject, but here, as in England, some such conception of the future dawns upon the American mind; and the president's mind is American, pre-eminently American."

Rebecca Stilling's Lash of Chelsea, Mass., who is now 95 years old, says that she remembers seeing Paul Revere in his fine old mansion.

—Dr. William Cotto made a professional call at Blue Mound this morning.

—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hess and daughter of Cerro Gordo are spending the Sunday with Mrs. Hess' sister, Mrs. Woodruff.

—Edward Skidmore and Walter Garvin have taken positions with the Linn & Burges firm.

—Miss Pearl Abrams has returned from a visit with friends at Elkhart.

ALL EYES ON MANILA.

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force the Sampson squadron. This is the original plan mapped out more than three weeks ago by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt.

4. The guarding of the approaches to cities on the north and middle Atlantic coasts by regular warships and auxiliary cruisers. The original plan contemplated the performance of this duty by vessels manned by naval reserves, but a change was compelled by advice of the sailing of a Spanish fleet from Cadiz with instructions to bombard unprotected cities of the northern Atlantic coast. Hence the dispatching today of the auxiliary cruisers New Orleans and San Francisco to guard the approaches to the Massachusetts and New York coasts.

5. Hurried preparations for the transportation of the land forces now at Chickamauga to either Tampa or New Orleans for embarkment to Cuba. These orders are new, and it is expected that General Miles will leave Washington on Sunday to assume active command of the forces.

6. The maintenance of the state militia forces which have reported "ready" in an advanced organized condition, with the view of calling them to follow the regular army forces now mobilized at Chickamauga.

Desperate for Money.

MADRID, April 30.—Great efforts are being made throughout Spain to increase the war fund. Societies of ladies will preside at tables to collect money at all Madrid churches throughout the month of May.

Iowa Patriots.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Senators Allison and Gear and Representatives Dooliver and Hager of Iowa called on the president today and urged him to make an additional allotment of volunteer troops for Iowa. They insisted that there are nearly four regiments and wanted the number raised to the full four. The president referred them to Secretary Alger. Representative Dooliver left with the president a petition for the appointment of Gen. T. R. Linn, inspector general of Iowa state guard, as brigadier general.

Col. Fred Grant.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 30.—Governor Black has commissioned Col. Fred D. Grant, colonel of the 14th regiment.

Praise Illinois Militia.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—It has been announced at the war department by Adjutant General Corbin that the Illinois National Guard will be accepted by the United States and be mustered into service.

This statement was coupled with the additional announcement that such acceptance will be under the terms of the act recently passed by congress, by which all officers above those holding regimental positions must be appointed by the United States.

The war department is thoroughly conversant with the fine state of efficiency of the Illinois National Guard, which for several years past has been considered far in advance of any militia organization in the United States.

There has been an earnest wish on the part of Secretary Alger that the service of all the Illinois troops might be utilized, but under the call for troops the designation was necessarily limited to a number proportionate to population.

Officers of the war department also stated that the acceptance of the Illinois troops is the strongest possible endorsement of the efforts made by the state to build up and maintain an efficient body of citizen soldiery.

It was said that the Illinois National Guard, in its organization, discipline, equipment and experience in regimental, brigade, and division camps was more nearly assimilated to the regular army than that of any other state.

The Columbia.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., April 30.—The cruiser Columbia arrived at noon.

Debate is On.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The house took up the conference report on the naval appropriation bill and proceeded under an agreement for a three hours' debate.

Roast monkey is said to be quite a dainty dish. Its flavor is a sort of compromise between pheasant and hare.

CORN CARNIVAL.

It Will be Held in Decatur October 22 to 29.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Meeting Held at the Court House This Afternoon—Show Will be a Big Thing for the County.

This afternoon a meeting to promote the Mecon County Corn Carnival was held at the city council rooms, officers of the Farmers' Institute association being present. Mayor Taylor presided. It was decided at the conference to hold the corn carnival in Decatur in some suitable building on October 22 to 29, inclusive.

THE OFFICERS.

These officers and members of the board of directors were chosen: President—B. Z. Taylor, mayor. Vice President—B. S. Tyler. Secretary and Treasurer—H. I. Baldwin. Mrs. M. P. Murphy, Mrs. M. F. Metz, Mrs. J. E. King, E. A. Gastman, C. E. Wheeler, W. H. Starr, W. L. Shellenbarger, W. J. Wayne and J. M. Daehle, all of Decatur.

Country members—J. B. Nowlin of Latham, T. M. Taylor of Blue Mound, Lewis Stookley of Harriestown, James Lebo of Macon, George Lenhart of Foreyth, J. V. Moody of Dalton City, Mrs. C. M. Fletcher of Mt. Zion, Bering Burrows of Long Creek, Robert Machan of Argenta, A. H. Kyman of Harriestown, H. Mancke of Oakley, J. K. Hardy of Blue Mound, F. M. Moore of Hickory Point, Henry Shafer of Niantic, Richard Kirby of Oreamo, Frank Ward of Elwin.

The officers of the Farmers' Institute together with the executive committee yet to be appointed by President Bean, will also be members of the carnival board of directors. A proposition was made to hold the institute during the carnival. It will be considered.

At the suggestion of W. H. Starr a general executive committee of 11 members will be appointed to have charge of all arrangements for the carnival. Mr. Shellenbarger will distribute a large quantity of fancy seed to the farmers for the raising of products for decorative and ornamental purposes.

"Chimes of Normandy."

The following is the cast of characters for the production of the "Chimes of Normandy," which will be given by the Decatur Musical Co. at the opera house on Monday evening, May 2, under the auspices of the Women's Relief Corps, the members of the G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans. This opera has been under rehearsal for several months and its production is looked forward to as one of the most deserving efforts of the Decatur Musical company:

Serpolette, the Good-for-Nothing. Mrs. Elizabeth K. Bunn Germaine, "the lost marchioness."

Miss Callie Rich

Village Maidens: Mrs. W. A. Boettger Jeanne, Miss Lily Stevens

Manette, Miss Ella Reeves Suzanne, Miss Lillian C. King Henri, Marquis of Cornville.

W. E. Bellman Jean Grenicheux, A. Fisherman.

R. W. Chilson The Bailiff, J. Lombardi Patin

Gaspard—An Old Miser. J. H. Alexander

The Notary, J. H. Alexander The Registrar, W. A. Boettger

The Assessor, J. E. Osborne Musical Director—Charles Kessler.

Leader of Orchestra—Professor Robert Walter.

Stage Manager—J. H. Alexander.

CHORUS.

Sopranos: Miss Ida Kinnick, Mrs. W. A. Boettger, Miss Grace Hubbard, Miss Lillian King, Miss Jennie Knox, Miss Kate Gogarty, Miss Lena Martie.

Alto—Miss Lily Stephens, Miss Dot Keeler, Miss Nell Keeler, Miss Marie Williams, Miss Nellie Gher, the Misses Wishart, Miss Stevenson.

Bass—Arthur Keitzer, Garry McGuire, Charles Sanford, Will Brown.

Tenors—W. A. Boettger, Ralph Dickie.

THORNS TO SIT UPON.

Many people gather thorns by failing to heed the warning sent out by diseased kidneys—coated tongue—parched skin—feverishness—dull, dragging pain—general feeling of weariness—urine evidence of kidney and bladder trouble. Take Utah Kidney Beans at once—they will cure you—they have cured thousands of others. THE TURNERS OF PAID-ADVERTISE make Utah Kidney Beans.

R. B. Samuels, County Clerk of Hickman county, Clinton, Kentucky, testifies that he suffered for years with horrible pain in the back, kidneys and bladder—was treated by many physicians—they gave him no relief—he took so that he could hardly stand alone—Utah Kidney Beans, he says, completely cured him. He gladly recommends them to all suffering.

DECATUR AGENTS, C. F. SHERILL AND N. L. KROSE.

Turners' Little Liver Turners—A very small pill. Turns your liver. A true laxative. An after-dinner pill.

son Hugh Hughes, W. A. Dawson, Ed. Osborne, Wilbur Starling.

PERSONAL.

—Dr. Mary L. Hunt has returned to her home in Chicago after a visit with her mother.

—J. M. Wilson of Springfield is the guest of his brother, Wayne Wilson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Merry of Lincoln will spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kessler and other relatives and remain to attend the performance of the "Chimes of Normandy" at the opera house on Monday night.

—Mrs. Hylen Coale of Hillsboro is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clary of West Mill street.

—Mrs. David Bohannon is visiting with friends at Cerro Gordo.

—Dr. Silas E. McClelland will go to Champaign tomorrow to spend the day with his brother, Dr. Clarence McClelland, who is ill.

BOY KILLED.

Run Over by a Train on the P. D. & E. Road.

This afternoon a young colored boy, aged 19 years, stepson of Alfred Ernest, junior at the Warren street school, was run over and instantly killed by a train on the P. D. & E. road near the collar pad factory. He was crushed through the middle by the wheels. The boy was taking a ride and fell under the wheels.

Will Go to Springfield.

Among those who take advantage of the excursion to spend a day with their friends at Springfield tomorrow are Miss Clara A. Stommel, Miss and Mrs. Charles Rheul and family, Miss Boss Green, Miss Mattie Calhoun, Miss Fleta Emmet, Miss Minnie Crane, Messrs. Ned Freeman, Orville Coughlan, Fred Clark, Roy Burley, Harry Newcomer, Thomas Roberts, Albert C. Gley and Ed Underwood.

Funeral of Mrs. Queck.

The funeral of Mrs. Fred Queck will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Christian tabernacle. The burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

Saro's Talk.

F. M. Saro, the native of Cuba, will speak on Cuba, the Maine and Spanish cruelties at the tabernacle tonight.

Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The weekly bank statement shows reserve increased \$979,000; loans decreased \$2,500,000; deposits decreased \$2,713,000. The banks hold \$14,500,000 in excess of legal requirements.

Funeral of Mrs. Irwin.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Alta Irwin was held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Congregational church. The pastor, Rev. W. C. Miller, officiated and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 50c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

There have been 71,000 deaths from plague in India so far, according to a recent report by the secretary for India to parliament.

A Life for 50c. Many people have been cured of Kidney disease by taking a 50c bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Thirty-five years make a generation. That is how long Adolph Fisher, of Zanesville, O., suffered from piles. He was cured by using three boxes of De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. H. W. Bell.

MARKETS.

FURNISHED BY R. Z. TAYLOR.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 30.

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April		120	120 1/2	120	120 1/2	120
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June		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	110
July		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	105
Aug.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	100
Sept.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	95
Oct.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	90
Nov.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	85
Dec.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	80
Jan.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	75
Feb.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	70
March		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	65
April		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	60
May		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	55
June		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	50
July		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	45
Aug.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	40
Sept.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	35
Oct.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	30
Nov.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	25
Dec.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	20
Jan.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	15
Feb.		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	10
March		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	5
April		120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	

STOP!

Are You a Thinker?

Have you thought what kind of a Belt you will buy?
Do you know that every woman in this broad land of ours will wear a belt of some kind this Summer?
Are you thinking of making a purchase?

If so, remember I am showing by far the Handsomest line to be found in the city in

Metal, Leather, Silk
and Velvet Belts...
Sterling Buckles, in Gilt, Oxidized, Enamel and Plain
Metal Buckles, Jeweled, Gilt, Oxidized and Enameled

Some New Things Not to be Found Elsewhere in the City...

ALL THE LATEST STYLES
And PRICES REASONABLE....

Please Inspect the Line Before You Purchase.

FRANK CURTIS,
Successor to—
OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.,
Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

Our House Has Been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET, - - DECATUR, ILL.

"He Serves His Party"

best who serves his country most." This is an old saying which we paraphrase for the shoe business as follows: He serves the people best who gives them most for their money, quality of goods always considered. We think we are the best servants of the people here in this line. Better come and let us show you how well we deserve this claim.

Bargain Department

offers unusual inducements for money saving. Here are a few sample prices:
Lot 232—Men's Tan Vici Kid Bats, coin toes, sizes 6 to 11, regular \$2.50 grade, marked down to \$1.98.
Lot 203—Ladies' Tan Vici Kid Lace Shoes, new fresh goods, coin toe, sizes 3 to 8, regular \$2 grade, marked down to \$1.69.
Lot 204—Misses' Tan Lace Shoes, sizes 11½ to 2, regular price \$1.25; reduced to 98c.
Lot 202—Ladies' Tan Vici Kid Oxfords, hand turn, pointed and square toes, regular \$3 grade, sizes 2½ to 7, widths A to E, reduced to \$1.98.

F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,

148 EAST MAIN STREET.

Hosiery--

Underwear...

My stock contains all the leading makes in both Foreign and American brands—at prices to suit the people. I have created a BREEZE in the HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR world and propose to hold on to it.

We know that good Qualities and low prices will do it. I do not handle trash such as one sees advertised daily. Neither do we advertise goods worth \$1.00 for 49c; any one knows such could not be. I buy with SPOT CASH and sell for CASH. Can buy in as large quantities as any one. My expenses are very small compared with the larger stores; so can sell on smaller profit. We give you quick service.



A Handsome Saving

On Ladies' MUSLIN UNDERWEAR. No mistake in buying your CORSET COVERS, GOWNS, SKIRTS and DRAWEES from this Department.

WE ASK YOUR INSPECTION. Yours,

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR, ILL.

Not Looking Well? Not Feeling Well?

THEN TRY:
MORROW'S KIDNEIDS,
THE TRUE
KIDNEY TONIC AND NERVE RESTORER
For Men, Women and Children.
50 Cents per Bottle.
ARMSTRONG BROS.,
Druggists.

WEATHER.

CHICAGO, April 30.—Illinois: Showers tonight and Sunday; increasing southeast winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.
Smoke the Queen, manufactured by Keddick & Kneelink.—15c-dit
Denz—the Leading Tailor.—apr6-dit
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kook.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dit

Smoke the Little J. 5-cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

Bicycle Sweaters. Decatur Gun Co.

Do you want plastering done. If so telephone 828, new phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—5-dit

Regular meeting of the Pastors' Union on Monday, May 3, 10:30 a. m., at First Baptist church.

Go to Spencer & Leberman's for wood pumps, iron lift pumps, force pumps, chain pumps and pump repairing.—Mar. 1-d&wit.

In the county court Friday Dr. Robert L. Watson renounced the bequest made to him by his wife, Cynthia M. Watson, and elected to take his share of her estate under the law.

Reserved seats for the "Chimes of Normandy," to be given May 3, at the Grand for the benefit of the Woman's Relief Corps, will be placed on sale at 8 o'clock Friday morning. Prices 50c and 75c.

John Glosser of Emory, Ill., has been granted an original pension through the agency of M. Shea.

Fishing is now good and we want you to know that our line of tackle is complete. Decatur Gun Co.

Vis the Wabash 11 to Springfield and return, Sunday, May 1. Special train leaves Decatur at 9:30 a. m. One chance in your life to see the boys in camp.

Telephone 84, Decatur Brewing Co., for bottled BECK BEER.

At Moweaqua yesterday Constable John Lloyd arrested John Graham, who is wanted for skipping a board bill of \$8, which it is alleged he owes to Mrs. Cook, who keeps a boarding house on East William street. Graham is in jail and will remain there until he pays.

The silk running Cleveland. Decatur Gun Co.

The parents of Edward Westhafer and Curtis Ashmore, the runaway boys who were caught at St. Louis, have purchased tickets for the boys to return home. The police at St. Louis have been holding the boys until their parents were heard from. The boys were expected home today.

2,000 First Class Books on sale at 10 CENTS EACH.

L. CHOPART'S NEWS HOUSE.

Meeting of Ladies' Aid Society. There will be a called meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the College street chapel on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. K. Love.

GIVE THE CHILDREN A DRINK called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and used by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 4¢ as much as coffee. Price 15c and 25c.

Hosiery...

One case Boys' Bicycle Hose	9c
One " " " "	12½c
One " " " "	19c
One case Boys' Leather Stockings	25c
One case Ladies' Black and Tan Stockings	9c
One case Ladies' Black Dot Fancy Stockings	10c
One case Men's Fast Black Socks	3 pair for 25c
One case Men's Tan Socks	3 pair for 25c
One case Blue Fancy Dot Socks	12½c

Underwear...

One case Child's Gauze Vests	10c
One case Child's Gauze Pants	15c
One case Child's Sleeveless Gauze Union Suits	25c
One case Ladies' " " " "	35c
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CAN'T GET OUT.

A Man Who is a Prisoner in His Own Home Seeks to be Released.

A man by the name of Daniels, who lives about two miles south of the city across the St. Louis bridge, is in a rather uncomfortable and at the same time a most ridiculous position. He lives on a small farm of 18 acres. His place is off the end of another farm and it does not face on the public highway. The only way in which he can get out is to go through a lane on the farm of M. Schmerring. This lane has always been used to reach the smaller farm, but there appears to be some trouble between the two men and Schmerring won't allow Daniels to go out by way of the lane and has posted a trespass notice. Daniels is practically a prisoner on his place and now he wants to force a road through, which by law he is entitled to do. The matter will be considered by the highway commissioners this afternoon and they will probably allow the two men to appoint a board to arbitrate the matter and reach some compromise.

BRYAN WANTS TO GO.

The President Puzzled to Know What to Do With Him.

Washington, April 30.—W. E. Curtis: William Jennings Bryan has written a letter to President McKinley offering his services to the government in any position in which they may be useful. The letter is brief, but courteous, and asks for any assignment the president may see fit to give him. The president is a good deal puzzled as to what he ought to do. He does not wish to ignore Mr. Bryan's patriotic offer or decline his services, as that might be ungracious, but there is none but military appointments in his gift, and Mr. Bryan's experience and tastes do not run that way. He might be nominated as brigadier-general, but if given such an appointment he would have to be placed over men who are much better qualified by education and experience to command than he, and of course the president could not offer him any lower position. It is probable that in acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Bryan's offer the president will ask him to indicate the capacity in which he would prefer to serve.

Bridge Letting.

The undersigned will receive bids at the town clerk's office, Decatur, Ill., until 10 o'clock a. m., May 7, 1898, for the construction of the brick substructure and steel superstructure of a 100x18 foot highway bridge and for 1051 cubic yards of grading. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Albert B. Cope, town clerk, Decatur, Ill., or at the office of Prof. Ira O. Baker, consulting engineer, Champaign, Ill. The superstructure and substructure will be let in one contract and the grading in another. All bids must be accompanied with a certified check for \$100, payable to the treasurer of the commissioners of highways.

Hosannah Hays, John H. Miller, Jacob Lebo, Bridge Committee of Board of Supervisors.

Wm. M. Bundy, H. Mahannah, Henry Ammann, Highway Com. of Decatur Township. Attest: Albert H. Cope, Town Clerk. Decatur, Ill., April 26, 1898. 26-100

Will Give a Recital.

Miss Lula Cozad will give a piano recital on the evening of May 10 at the Congregational church. She will be assisted at the recital by Miss Irene Armstrong, George Dunston and Miss Mae Harwood. Miss Cozad is one of the accomplished musicians of the city and her talents as a pianist are well known.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Buckton & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling, Drugists.

Popular.

The Cleveland and Crescent bicycles are as usual the leaders with the experienced riders throughout the United States this year.

The sales on some have been larger than of any other machines of equal value.

People are finding out that it pays to buy the best. They also want to ride a wheel which is handled from one year to the other by responsible agents.

They want to ride a wheel which does not depreciate in value during the riding season. Do not be deceived. Buy the standard, well tried makes.

Decatur Gun Co., Archie F. Wilson, Prop.

Gettlemen's Beck.

Try Gettlemen's \$1000 beer on tap today at Peter Halmbacher's saloon.

William Jarvis, who was killed in Philadelphia by a train, was known as the father of American crickets.

TEST IS OVER

The Experts Have Finished Their Experiments

AT THE WATER WORKS

Tests were Satisfactory to Mayor Taylor—Water Pressure Tried by Fire Department Today.

The experts from the University of Illinois at Champaign, who have been in the city conducting a test at the city water works plant, have completed their work and leave today on their return to Champaign.

Today at noon a test was made of the pressure by the fire department. At Lincoln square a hose was attached and the test made. It showed that the pressure of the water at the plug stood 92. A pressure of 77 or 78 is a good one, so it can be seen that the pressure shown this morning was excellent. Of course a greater pressure could be made if the pumps were run to the full capacity. The professors and the students who have been in the city have made a thorough test of the water works plant. The results of the tests have been quite satisfactory to Mayor Taylor. When it was decided by the council that the water works be improved the mayor was appointed a committee of one to make the improvements. For a long time the work has been in progress. When the repairs began it was found that there was a great deal more than was anticipated, which was absolutely necessary to be done, and therefore the work occupied more time than was expected. Before the improvements were made the waterworks were in bad shape. There was not a sufficient water pressure and the machinery was not run with economy. The improvements that have been made were for the purpose of saving the city money, and giving the city a better and larger water service. It is believed that these things have been accomplished by the improvements. There was frequently criticism against the mayor for the manner in which the improvements were being made, but Mr. Taylor faced these and having once begun the work continued fearlessly with it until he had made the improvements in the way in which he thought they ought to be done. He shouldered a great deal of responsibility in undertaking the work alone, but now that it is finished and as it is believed successfully. The machinery is now all in first class order, the capacity has been greatly increased and the pressure is greater than it ever was before. There is now a sufficient water pressure to fight any fire that Decatur might have.

Attention, Odd Fellows.

Our 79th anniversary will be celebrated Sunday evening May 1, at the First Methodist church. All members of Decatur Lodge No. 66 and of Celestial Lodge No. 180, and Daughters of Rebekah of Columbia and Progress lodges are requested to meet at their respective lodge rooms at 7 o'clock p. m. on Sunday, May 1, to go in a body to the church. Every Odd Fellow and Rebekah should attend. The public is invited. By order of the Committee.

New I. C. Time Card.

A new time card will go into effect Sunday noon on the Illinois Central railroad. The changes are: Daylight Special, north to Chicago, leaves Decatur at 8:50 p. m., instead of 11:52 a. m.; main line train north at 10:43 a. m., instead of 11:26; Daylight Special to St. Louis leaves at 3:38 p. m., instead of 3:37; main line to Pana at 9:29 a. m., instead of 9:30; main line to Cairo at 4 p. m., instead of 4:08; Chicago train by way of Champaign leaves 10 p. m., instead of 9:16. No other changes.

Teachers' Meeting.

At the High school this morning the regular monthly meeting of the teachers of the city schools was held. There was a large attendance and Superintendent E. A. Gashman was in charge of the meeting. Prof. Cook, president of the Normal university, was present and delivered an interesting address to the teachers. He discussed matters pertaining to the school work.

Under Consideration.

Justice Hardy is considering the case of Brook Irwin vs. C. H. Faith and William Ritchie and will render his decision next week. Mr. Irwin sues for \$200 damages, claiming that the defendants infringed on a patent right. J. A. Buckingham represented Mr. Irwin and Edwin and A. E. Park appeared for the defendants.

The Cleveland No. 40 for ladies is the handsomest wheel ever put on the market. It runs without a particle of noise and with perfect balance.

Fishing Tackle.

Largest variety of good tackle.

Decatur Gun Co.

The only involuntary muscle composed of red and striped fibres in the heart.

WAR BADGES AND MAPS.

Souvenirs in Great Demand Among Patriots—"Remember the Maine."

The number of war maps and especially of war badges which are being daily turned out is something marvelous when one thinks of the numbers that are for sale and that all are different in design and significance. There is a steadily increasing demand for the badges and it is only in the last few days that the dealers have been able to supply all who have called for them. So far the most popular of the badges has been the picture of the Maine, which has been sent out in numberless designs and colorings. The figure of Uncle Sam running to the defense of his country with a musket on his shoulder is a close second and the small flag are worn by everyone. They come now printed on ribbon which is sold by the yard and which is used most effectively in the draping and holding of decorations.

The craze for anything and everything patriotic has not stopped with the badges and pins and everything new in the line of a display of patriotism is eagerly seized upon. The young men and women are now wearing the red, white and blue ties and the very latest thing is the fashionable man in white silk covered with miniature flags in red, white and blue. These ties are also shown in the solid colors of red, white and blue. The grand idea is also carried out in the string ties which are put forward by the same firm. All the dealers are showing these ties in endless variety.

The news dealers have beautiful souvenir cards of the Maine. The most beautiful and artistic of these is a large card of heavy white paper with the waters of the Havana harbor and the Maine buoyant and graceful in the background. To the left of the front of the picture the American flag is artistically draped over white columns and its folds rest solidly over a white marble shaft on which is inscribed the names of the sailors who perished in the wrecking of the ship. At the lower right hand corner America kneels with arms outstretched and head bowed over the marble slab mourning for the brave sailors who met their death on February 15.

Another pretty card is smaller than this one and has Old Glory for a center piece, and just below is a verse of the "Star Spangled Banner." The coloring in this card is especially good and it has been greatly admired. The designers are at work on another badge which will be to the shape of the Cuban star with the Cuban flag in the center. This is surrounded by an American flag, the entire badge being of metal.

Dainty little souvenir aprons on the handle are another late idea.

Who'll Trade His Cleveland?

There has been reported to us the case of a young man who refused the gift of an 1898 model of a certain high grade wheel because its acceptance involved the loss of an 1897 Cleveland, which he had been riding a year.

He might be considered obstinate and unreasonable by people who have never ridden a Cleveland. Cleveland riders will fully sympathize with him.

We have sold the Cleveland in Decatur for six years. It has been the leading high grade wheel during this time. In the past six years we know of only one Cleveland rider ever changing his mount. They surely please.

There is a certain distinctive "goodness" about a Cleveland that makes it like no other wheel on earth. It is not only its superb running qualities, but its good looks. It has what you might call an individuality—a personality—a direct appeal to the understanding and confidence of its riders.

No Cleveland riders say at any rate. The prices are \$75 and \$80.

Decatur Gun Co., Archie F. Wilson, Prop.

Will Appoint His Deputies.

There will be a meeting of the town board of Decatur township at the town clerk's office, at 4 o'clock, at which time W. W. Foster, the assessor, will name his deputies and clerks. He will present the names of those whom he wants to assist him in making the assessment and the board will confirm or reject the appointments.

At Grace M. E. Church.

Mervin T. Miller of St. Louis, the successful young impersonator who appeared in the Y. M. C. A. course in Decatur last winter, will give an entertainment at the Grace M. E. church under the auspices of the Epworth League of the church.

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A HOT FIGHT 'FOU

The Maria Christiana Flagst Burned to the Water and Blow

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Spain's day morning) in the Bay of Manila, ally wiped the enemy's big fighting admits a serious disaster and from the governor-general of the Philippines it is clear that a tremendously effective Dewey.

All news from Manila passed through when Madrid allows such a story of certain that the unvarnished report the fact that the battle was one of the a nation.

There is no exact news as to the conclusion is that the Spaniards must the leaders who went to his death was of the Reina Maria Christina, the fl of the most powerful warships in the vessel was burned by Dewey's fleet.

ferred his flag during the fight and Christina's Captain, who perished with entire crew of the Christina went down.

Spain had five warships in Manila either burned, sunk or damaged by the ment. The Christina was burned.

Juan de Austria was blown up, pressed squadron. The Mindano and Ulla fragments, and the fine cruiser Cast Christina, her crew, too, probably g.

Dewey opened the battle at daylight the Spanish fleet and the land battle him. He maneuvered, got behind a few hours and then made his second.

A late dispatch from Madrid in the begin as soon as the frenzied p crushing blow to well aimed and e modore Dewey's squadron.

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